# GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING August 03, 2007

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy board meeting was held on August 03, 2007, 09:00 a.m., at The Professional Licensing Boards Division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

#### The following members were present: Absent:

Jane H. Johnson, Chairman Kathy V. Lescak, Vice Chairman Melony Phillips, Cognizant Marlene Gaskill, Consumer Member Steve Earles

#### **Administrative Staff Present:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General (via video-conference), Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II, Pam Candler, Application Specialist, Yvonne LeSane, Application Specialist, and Amanda Allen, Board Secretary.

Ms. Johnson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Ms. Gaskill moved and Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2 (1) O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2) to receive information pertaining to Applications and to receive the Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Phillips, Earles, Lescak, Gaskill, and Johnson. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

#### Agenda:

Ms. Phillips moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda with late items added. None opposed, Motion carried.

## **Announcements:**

Ms. Jane Johnson, Chair, discussed a "newsletter" recapping everything the Board has accomplished during this past year to be submitted to the large associations/organizations for inclusion in their respective newsletters.

Ms. Phillips moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted for Ms. Jane Johnson to work on a draft of a newsletter as requested.

#### **Minutes:**

Mr. Zimmerman explained to the Board that due to the increasing number of Board meetings that have been scheduled during such a short time period, the Board minutes would be processed and presented to the Board for review as soon as possible.

Ms. Phillips moved, Ms. Gaskill seconded, and the Board voted to table the June 01, 2007 minutes until the next scheduled Board meeting.

### **Board Policy and Rules Discussion Continued**

Mr. Zimmerman, Executive Director, requested that the Board consider adding a policy link to the website to better educate the public on the policies that have been drafted by the Board.

Ms. Lescak moved, Ms. Gaskill seconded, and the Board voted to add a policy link to the website.

The Board discussed revising Rule 345-4.04 (c) regarding Inactive Status, the CE hour's requirement and the current application for Inactive status

Ms. Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II, suggested to the Board to consider her recommendations on creating a rule or policy that will allow the Board to charge the applicants a fee who are reinstating their license and has not obtained the required amount of continuing education hours. Ms. Gadson will work on the Reinstatement Application and Mr. Zimmerman will work on the rules amendment(s).

Mr. Phillips moved, Ms. Gaskill seconded, and the Board voted to allow Ms. Gadson to create a Reinstatement Application and bring back to the Board for their review. In addition, Mr. Zimmerman will work on the rule amendments.

Ms. Lescak, Vice Chair presented the Board with a rough draft outline on the Code of Ethics that she is currently drafting. She requested that everyone review the outline so that it can be discussed at a later scheduled Board meeting.

#### **Correspondence:**

The Board considered the following correspondence and matters of interest:

**Bobby Lewis, Coosa Valley Technical College-** If the Program Director(s) Massage Therapy licensure is currently in the pending approval process, and the Clinical Supervisor has been granted a license, is the school within the correct boundaries to continue to offer clinical practices?

**Board Response-** As long as a qualified licensed Massage Therapist, per the requirement of Rule 345-8 is in charge of supervising the students who are conducting the clinical practices; then the school is within the correct boundaries to continue with their clinical practice procedures.

**Mia Barati, ASHA**- Can an upcoming graduate work in our clinic under the school's license after they graduate, but while having already begun the process of obtaining a national and state licensure?

**Board Response**- An upcoming graduate cannot work in the clinic under the school's license, due to the fact, that the Board does not license a Massage Therapy School, only individuals. The Board only recognizes a school for meeting or exceeding the Boards requirements set forth in Board Rule 345-8.

**Mia Barati- ASHA-** Will the Board issue provisional licensure?

**Board Response**- the Board has voted, at this time, not to issue provisional licensure.

**Mia Barati, ASHA** – Is there anything the school (s) can do to help expedite the licensure process?

**Board Response** – No, all applicants applying after July 01, 2007 must have graduated from a massage therapy education program consisting of 500 course and clinical hours recognized by the Board as meeting or exceeding the requirements stated in Board Rule 345-8.

**Mark Hendler, Ph.D-** Mr. Hendler addressed his concerns over Rule 345-4-04 (c) - Inactive Status.

**Board Response-** The Board stated they would consider revising Rule 345-4-.04 (c) – Inactive Status.

Ms. Phillips moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted for the administrative staff and Mr. Zimmerman, Executive Director, to respond to all correspondence as discussed by the Board.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

1. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed an e-mail he received from the attorney representing International School of Skin and Nailcare, in reference to their application to be considered as a Board Recognized Massage Therapy Educational Program.

Ms. Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, advised the Board how to respond back to the attorney representing ISSN.

Ms. Phillips moved, Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted for Mr. Zimmerman to respond back in writing, including the recommendations and suggestions of content made by Ms. Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, to the attorney representing International School of Skin and Nailcare.

2. Mr. Zimmerman reminded the Board that they will start receiving other state/school exams that will have to be reviewed in lieu of the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork national exam. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed with the Board their current rule regarding the post July 01, 2007 exam requirements.

The Board stated that, at this time, they will continue to accept both the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork exams currently offered NCBTMB. Other state/school exams will be reviewed on a case by case basis in addition to the continued discussion and development by the Board of a "checklist or equivalency criteria" for such exams to be measured against.

3. Mr. Zimmerman informed the Board that the Investigations Division has requested a meeting with the Board to further discuss the proper techniques performed by massage therapists.

The Board requested Investigations be scheduled to meet with the Board as often as needed as complaints are received for discussion and development of on-going criteria the investigator will need to look for as the investigations begin to increase; i.e. take on a case-by-case basis at this time.

- 4. Mr. Zimmerman requested Ms. Jane Johnson, Chair, begin drafting a list of items the Board would like to present to the lawmakers for the 2008 session.
- 5. Mr. Zimmerman reminded the Board that the Applications for Licensure are confidential and should not be discussed outside the Board room.
- 6. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the response that was drafted by the Board to Secretary of State, Ms. Karen Handel, in reference to the letter received from Mr. Gary Lescak, Martial Arts Academy.

Ms. Gaskill moved, Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted for Mr. Zimmerman to draft a response to Secretary Handel of the Board's discussed response in reference to the letter received from Mr. Gary Lescak, Martial Arts Academy.

7. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed with the Board a second letter he received from Mr. Gary Lescak, Martial Arts Academy, addressing his concern over the incorrect recordings of the previous Board meeting minutes, and in addition, the fact that the Board has not responded back to him in reference to his school exam and the Board recognizing it as a Board Approved Exam.

Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Gaskill seconded, and the Board voted to allow Mr. Zimmerman to respond back to Mr. Lescak, Martial Arts Academy, in reference to his concern over the proper method of documentation of Board minutes. Mr. Zimmerman also stated that he will inform Mr. Lescak that the Board is currently in the process of creating a review process for state/school exams that may surface at a later date.

8. Mr. Zimmerman informed the Board that he had received nineteen complaints from one complainant in reference to unlicensed practice. He also informed the Board that the complainant did not supply the proper documentation in order for the complaints to be pursued. The Board was also informed that the complainant was representing himself as a Board member to those he filed the complaints against.

Ms. Phillips moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to open a complaint case against the subject complainant for mis-representing himself as a Board member; request issuance of a Cease and Desist order.

#### **Applications:**

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Gaskill seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by official transcripts:

**Applications: A-I (Pam Candler, Applications Specialist)** 

S.A. Approved Pending Ackeret, Kristina Approved E.A. Approved Pending

Amrein, Paul Approved Andrews, Georgia Approved Andrews, Nikita Approved

C.A. Approved Pending

Anthony, Phyllis Approved B, Lady Approved

K.J.B. Approved Pending
J.B. Approved Pending
C.B. Approved Pending
C.B. Approved Pending
Approved Pending

Beck, Michael Approved

J.B. Approved Pending B.B. Approved Pending S.B. Approved Pending

Bramlett, Lisa Approved Brown, Steven Approved

E.B. Approved Pending A.B. Approved Pending

Burnett, Amanda Approved
Carter, Ashley Approved
Chaney, April Approved
Chunn, Nancy Approved
Churchfield, James Approved

N.C. Approved Pending

Clifford, Esther Approved

J.C. Approved Pending

Cofield, Cantrella Approved
Cole, Tamela Approved

P.C. Approved Pending

Cone, Elana Jo Approved

L.C. Approved Pending
T.C. Approved Pending
S.C. Approved Pending
C.C. Approved Pending

Craft, Ivey Approved

J.C. Approved Pending C.D. Approved Pending

### Applications: A-I (Pam Candler, Applications Specialist) cont'd.

Dequina, Chanelle Approved
Demay, Pamela Approved
Dennard, Rosemary Approved
Dichiara, Erin Approved

P.D. Approved Pending

Dodds, BethApprovedDooley, SarahApprovedDover, Lucy A.Approved

F.E. Approved Pending

Evans, Olilvia Approved

T.F. Approved Pending

W.F. Approved Pending

Fuller, Dawn Approved

P.G. Approved Pending R.G. Approved Pending

Genslere Amy Approved
Gerard, Taylor Approved
Gibson, Jermaine Approved

T.G. Approved Pending

Glosson, Heather Approved
Gutkina, Irina Approved
Ha, Hoa Thi Approved
Hall, Bernadine Approved
Hall, Kristina Approved

S.H. Approved Pending

Harland, Mark Approved

D.H. Approved Pending

Harris, Darylene Approved
Harris, Nichelle Approved
Height, Matrilla Approved

M.H. Approved Pending K.T.H. Approved Pending

Hodge, Brook Approved

D.H. Approved Pending E.H. Approved Pending

Holmes, Omar Approved

S.H. Approved Pending

Howard, Cassie Approved

T.H. Approved Pending

Hunter, Jody Approved
Hutcheson, Betty Approved
Irvin, Jane't Approved
Ivester, Patricia Ann Approved

## Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)

Jaeger, Greta B. Approved James, Dianne Approved Jeffers, Christine B. Approved Jeong, Insik Approved Johnson, Angela P. Approved Johnson, Yvonne Approved Johnston, Marci S. Approved Judy, Peggy L. Approved Kara, Jaya N. Approved Kasdan, Jane S. Approved Katona, Elizabeth A. Approved Kieu, Khanh N. Approved Killebrew, Diana Approved Kim, Seung O. Approved King, Candice M. Approved King, Kevin L. Approved Kirkland, Tena R. Approved
Konkel, Cara E. Approved
Kramer, Krista M. Approved
Krowicki, Jennifer M. Approved

J.P.K. Approved Pending

LaFrantz, Maureen K. Approved Lamb, Judy E. Approved Lambert, Brenda L. Approved Lawson, Rashanna L. Approved Leal, Elida J. Approved Lee, Deok H. Approved Lee, Edna J. Approved Lee, Moo Soon Approved Lewis, Jemma A. Approved Lewis, Joshua P. Approved Lewis, Lorie A. Approved Lewis, Mary R. Approved Little, Stacey L. Approved Lockhart, Carolyn Approved Lyke, Karen G. Approved Lynch, Cynthia L. Approved McClure, Lori P. Approved McCray, LaWanda L. Approved MaGaw, Christa E. Approved McGovern, Jean M. Approved Mangual-Collier, Gabriela Approved

### Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist) cont'd

Manning, Marilyn J. Approved Martin, Donald M. Approved Martinez, Karen A. Approved A.C.M. Pending Mathis, Kelly M. Approved Mattocks, Emily G. Approved Mein, Wendy K. Approved M.M. Pending K.M. Pending Moraitakis, Alexis Approved Nguyen, Hung D. Approved Oliveras, Marion C. Approved O'Pry, Jennifer Approved Owens, Linda Approved Page, Linda Approved Park, Claudia Approved Park, Jae Beom Approved Partain, Jessica Approved Pavlick, Lori Approved Pena, Kimberly Approved G.P. Pending Portes, Frantz Approved Post, Annette M. Approved Powell, Susan Approved

## **Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)**

Ranney, Clyde Approved

A.R. Approved Pending J.E.R. Approved Pending D.C.R. Approved Pending

Richey, Mary A. Approved

H.N.R. Approved Pending

Rodriguez, Francine Approved Romer, Nicole J. Approved Rowlee, Karin S. Approved

N.L.R. Approved Pending S.A.S. Approved Pending

Sheffey, Marjorie Y. Approved

J.B.S. Approved Pending S.T.S. Approved Pending H.D.S. Approved Pending

Smith, Maranda G. Approved Solomon, Betty J. Approved

A.T.S. Approved Pending K.R.S. Approved Pending

#### Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist) cont'd

K.M.S. Approved Pending A.L.S. Approved w/L.O.C. K.A.S. Approved Pending

Stanford, Desiree A. Approved

J.M.S. Approved Pending

Stewart, Adrian R. Approved

L.G.S. Approved Pending

Surret, Leslie M. Approved

L.T.S. Approved Pending D.J.S. Approved w/L.O.C

Taylor, Makini D Approved

C.D.T. Approved Pending N.O.T. Approved Pending D.L.T. Approved Pending

Turner, Steven R. Approved
Tye, Kimberly K. Approved
VanTassel, Toni M. Approved
Vazquez, Paul R. Approved

B.E.V. Approved Pending R.S.W. Approved Pending L.P.W. Approved Pending B.J.W. Approved Pending B.W.W. Approved Pending Approved Pending Approved Pending Approved Pending B.W.W.

Williams, Kendra S. Approved

Wilson, Michele A. Approved

S.E.W. Approved Pending K.J.W. Approved Pending

Womack, Cindy J. Approved Yates, Robert III Approved

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Gaskill seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by membership with professional massage therapy association:

# Applications: A-I (Pam Candler, Applications Specialist)

Benson, John L. Approved
Brettel, Marla H. Approved
Broomfield, Monica Approved
Casseus, Eunice Approved

Z.C. Approved Pending

L.G. Denied
Gourley, Richard Approved
Isom, Sandra Approved

### **Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)**

Lamb, Marion D. Approved Mege, Deborah L. Approved

## Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)

Rummler, LaQuitta A. Approved

K.K.T. Approved Pending

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Gaskill seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by National Board Certification (NCETMB/NCBMTM):

## **Applications: A-I (Pam Candler, Applications Specialist)**

Abraham, Edward C. Approved Badlu, Michelle Approved

P.B. Approved Pending

Branch, Teresa Approved
Cooper, Aysha Approved
Crawford, Susan Approved
Eckert, Jennifer Approved
Eddy, William C. Approved
Gamba, Robin Approved
Guo, Shujun Approved

P.H. Approved Pending M.H. Approved Pending

Hestor, Carol Approved Ibach, Elena Approved

## Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)

Jenkins, Cherry B. Approved Kelly, Karyn E. Approved Kim, Sana J. Approved Larsen, Catherine J. Approved Lebeck, Charles H. Approved Lewark, Amy Lynn Approved McGarry, Deborah D. Approved Mathison, Juliet C. Approved Moore, Barbara A. Approved Nunn, Nancy J. Approved O'Connor, Elizabeth A. Approved Parham, Ginger D. Approved Price, Bonnie J. Approved

### **Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)**

S.R. Approved Pending

Seraphin-Christen, April Approved Vaughn, Erika R. Approved Wetzel, Ruby D. Approved

B.S.W. Approved w/L.O.C.

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Gaskill seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by (NCBTMB) Authorization to Test (ATT):

Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)

E.I.S. Approved Pending

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Gaskill seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by local government business license/tax forms:

## **Applications: A-I (Pam Candler, Applications Specialist)**

Y.C.B. Denied

Brown, Aisha Approved Pending

R.B. Denied
DeGarmo, Kelly Approved
Geisel, Pamela Approved

P.G. Approved Pending

## Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)

J.A.J. Pending
Matthews, Marilou P. Approved
Morton, Kelly J. Approved

Nelson, Katherine L. Approved Nichols, Joe E. Approved

W.J.P. Approved Pending

L.K.P. Denied

### **Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)**

K.D.R. Denied

Smith, Beverly E. Approved Pending

Sweet, Yan Kang Approved H.A.T. Denied L.R.W. Denied R.P.W. Denied Wodzenski, Darleen Approved

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Gaskill seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by state licensure in another state or jurisdiction:

### **Applications: A-I (Pam Candler, Applications Specialist)**

Ammons, Sybil E. Approved
Baker, Geraldine Approved
Bassett, Devorah Approved
Bedgood, Karen Approved

E.B. Approved Pending

Doering, ElaineApprovedDonnelly, BonnyApprovedDuBois, LindaApprovedGarzaniti, RickyApproved

R.G. Approved Pending

Horne, Kim D. Approved

## Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)

Jones, Kimberly A.

Joyce, Sharon P.

Muller, Eleonora T.

Nielsen, Hollera T.

Oliver, Joyce E.

Patalano, Deborah A.

Approved

Approved

Approved

Approved

Approved

## Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)

Saffold, Suwana D. Approved Webster, Kristine M. Approved

K.L.V. Approved Pending

Ms. Phillips moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by local government business license/tax forms, discussing with Attorney General in regards to additional information; such as, proof of

massage therapy education and proof of tax forms showing income as massage therapist, as requested by the Board:

A.M.A. Pending Caddell. Debbra Approved Denied N.E. A.E. Denied Garrett, Diane Approved Gwaltney, Susan Approved L.W.H. Denied Denied D.H. S.H. Denied Denied C.H. Hinz, Karen Approved Kirillova, Olga Approved Denied J.K. D.P. Denied K.R. Denied Templeton, Rachael Approved H.A.T. Denied L.W. Denied R.W. Denied Wodzenski, Darleen Approved

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on application for licensure by official transcript:

Hampton, Lisa Approved

#### **Educational Advisor's Report**

Ms. Phillips presented her recommendations to the Board for the approval of Natural Touch School of Massage as a Board Recognized Massage Therapy Educational Program.

Ms. Phillips presented her recommendations to the Board for the denial of School of Shiatsu and Massage as a Board Recognized Massage Therapy Educational Program. However, she recommended to the Board the approval of this school as a Continuing Education Course Provider. This school is currently recognized by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork as a continuing education provider.

Ms. Lescak moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Educational Advisor's Report as presented, and in addition, voted to approve Natural Touch School of Massage as a Board recognized massage therapy education program. None opposed, Motion carried.

#### **Attorney General's Report:**

Ms. Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, stated she did not have a formal report to present to the Board. She did, however, present to the Board a written memorandum from Ms. Rebecca Adams, Assistant Attorney General, in reference to the material discussed in the June 29, 2007 Board meeting.

#### **Election of Officers:**

Ms. Gaskill moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to elect the officers remain the same for the upcoming year:

Jane Johnson, Chair Kathy Lescak, Vice-Chair Melony Phillips, Cognizant Member

## **Enforcement Report:**

No Enforcement Report was presented.

#### **Additional Business:**

The Board voted to set the additional meeting dates of August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, in addition to the established scheduled meeting dates as posted.

The Board stated they would like Mr. Bill Crews, Executive Director of the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Committee (NPEC), to attend the September 07, 2007 scheduled Board meeting to discuss the Board Recognized Massage Therapy Educational Programs and the criteria for making the determination. Mr. Zimmerman stated he would contact Mr. Crews and inform him of the requested meeting date and time.

There being no additional business to discuss, Ms. Gaskill moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:	Amanda Allen, Board Secretary
Minutes reviewed and edited by:	Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Jane H. Johnson, Chair	Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy	Professional Licensing Boards Division
These minutes were approved and signed on:	